

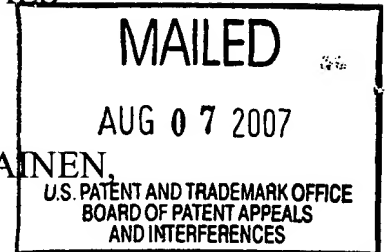
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte TAPANI VUORINEN, SARA JUUTILAINEN,
and AKI VILPPONEN

Application 09/262,912

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER



This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 31, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Information Disclosure Statement

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on March 5, 1999. Appellants cite two references, namely, WO 97/15713 and Finish Patent 10230. Although the Examiner has considered WO 97/15713 on PTO Form 1449 of August 30, 2001, he has not listed Finish Patent 10230. Therefore, it is not clear from the record whether the Examiner considered Finish Patent 10230, or whether the Examiner notified

Application ?

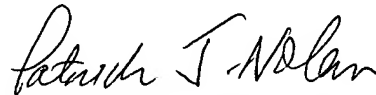
Appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for:

- (1) consideration of Finish patent 10230, listed on the IDS filed on March 5, 1999,
- (2) written notification to Appellants of consideration, and
- (3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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